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Applicant: Watkins et al.

Title: SEAT WITH EASY-ENTRY AND  
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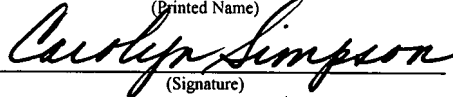
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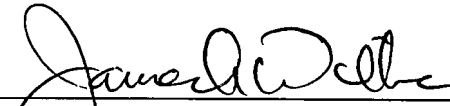
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Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the above-identified patent:

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- ☒ [ X ] Statement of Facts for Petition Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) and Related Documents (6 pages)

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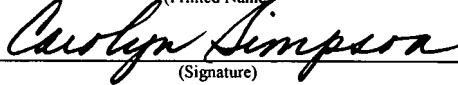
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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) to treat the above-identified patent application as being made by inventors Hans Schmodde and Robert Schüle on behalf of non-signing inventor Dave Watkins.

Despite diligent efforts, non-signing inventor Dave Watkins cannot be located to obtain his signature on the Declaration.

A Statement of Facts signed by Martina Tiedemann, an employee of Johnson Controls, GmbH, in support of this petition is provided herewith, and includes the last known home addresses for the non-signing inventor, Dave Watkins (paragraph 7). Further, pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Statement of Facts, letters to Mr. Watkins were sent to two different additional addresses in Great Britain, copies of which are attached to the Statement of Facts. Ms. Tiedemann represents that signed papers were not received from Mr. Watkins.

Diligent efforts were also made to conduct electronic searching for non-locatable inventor Watkins. None of these efforts identified the non-signing inventor. In fact, a print out of one search is attached identifying a voluminous amount of potential matches for a Dave

Watkins in Great Britain. As such, it would be an undue burden on the signing inventors and the Assignee of the subject application to review and analyze these potential references.

It is requested that the Application filed in the U.S. Patent Office on January 17, 2006 proceed to examination in light of the present Petition and accompanying Statement of Facts filed herewith.

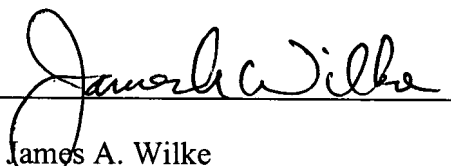
A credit card payment form in the amount of \$200.00 is provided herewith in payment of the petition fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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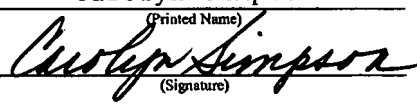
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**STATEMENT OF FACTS FOR PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

After being duly sworn, I, Martina Tiedemann, hereby depose and state:

1. I am an adult resident of Germany.
2. I am an employee of Johnson Controls GmbH, Automotive Group, European Headquarters in Burscheid Germany. I work in the Patent Department of Johnson Controls GmbH.
3. Several of the responsibilities of my employment include forwarding documents to inventors, obtaining the signatures of inventors of various documents relating to intellectual property of JCI and providing information to JCI outside counsel.
4. In the month of August, 2005, I began the process of obtaining signatures of the inventors listed in the application which is captioned above. The signatures of two of the three named inventors were obtained, they being Hans Schmoode and Robert Schule.

5. In August, 2005, I prepared an information packet for mailing to inventor Dave Watkins, with the packet including a copy of the patent application, copy of the declaration to be signed, an inventor information sheet and a letter from myself explaining what was requested of each inventor.
6. The information packet was addressed to Mr. Watkins' last known address as of August 2005.
7. JCI records at that time indicated that the last known address of Dave Watkins was 1 Beech AV, Calegree, GB - Stockport.
8. The packet of information sent to inventor Watkins was returned unopened.
9. I requested that the Johnson Controls Human Resources Department attempt to obtain updated contact information for inventor Watkins, and, recently, through those efforts a new address was available.
10. Johnson Controls' outside law firm, Kutzenberger and Wolff, in Köln, Germany was requested to conduct an electronic internet search for Mr. Watkins.
11. In attempting to obtain information on inventor Watkins, a search was conducted using an online search site (Google). The results of that online search revealed over 856,000 potential web page hits for Dave Watkins in Great Britain. A copy of the electronic search results is attached hereto. It would be a great and undue burden to attempt to review these results to attempt to obtain an address for Mr. Watkins.
12. This Statement is provided in support of a Response to Notice of Missing Parts and for Reconsideration of Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the subject matter.
13. I hereby declare that all of the statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information are believed to be true.

Date Sept. 4, 2007



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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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